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SUBJECT: TANZANIA TO COMPLY WITH EXPANDED SANCTIONS ON IRAN
UNDER UNSCR 1747

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11. (SBU) Ambassador Begum Taj, Head of the Multilateral Affairs Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told Poloff on April 3 that she was fully aware of expanded sanctions on Iran under UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1747. Taj said that the Government of Tanzania (GOT) would honor its obligations to strengthen sanctions in response to Iran's non-compliance under UNSCR 1737.

12. (SBU) Poloff emphasized that Tanzania, as a UN Member state, was required to report to the Sanctions Committee by May 24, 2007 the steps it had taken to implement UNSCR 1747's provisions. Ambassador Taj noted that the May 24 timeframe was not realistic given a lack of capacity with the GOT. "It takes quite a bit of time for us to disseminate and then collect all the pertinent information from the key ministries," she said. Poloff asked what would be the earliest date Tanzania could report back to the Sanctions Committee; Taj responded that 90 days from adoption of the resolution (March 24) would be sufficient time to complete its report.
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